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SUBJECT 1. Chinese Communist and Nationalist Troop Disposition, Yunnan-Burma Border.
2. Appointment of Officers in LI MI Forces.

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1. The 13, 14, and 15 Chinese Communist Divisions¹ totalling 60,000 men are opposing the Nationalists along the Yunnan-Burman border. Burmese forces are on the rear of Nationalist troops. The Nationalists have withdrawn from Mongyang (99-52, 21-50) to the area north of Kengtung (99-36, 21-17) with one group at Doi Tung, north of Tekhilek. Nationalist forces are now estimated at slightly more than 10,000 men.
2. Chinese Communist troops in the Lantsang area are organizing a stretcher-bearer corps of 1,500 men.
3. The Communist hsien government in Lofo, 8 miles west of Tung Piao, announced that 70,000 Communist troops are crossing the Mekong River from east to west and will invade Burma in strength in mid-Autumn.
4. Major General SU Ling-te, representing Premier CH'EN Cheng, has been appointed as a regular deputy commander of LI MI forces. Two agents from the Nationalist Ministry of National Defense (MND) have joined LI MI forces.²
5. The Chinese Nationalist military attache at Bangkok will be definitely replaced; his successor has not been determined. LI MI has demanded his resignation as commanding officer of the 161 Regiment.

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. These are presumably the 13, 14, and 15 Armies. According to information available to this office, the 15 Army is now believed to be in Korea and the 13 and 14 Armies are concentrated in Kwangsi Province. In view of recent Nationalist defeats on the Yunnan-Burma border [REDACTED] (015), it is doubtful whether the Chinese Communist would dispose such a large force to oppose Nationalist troops on the border.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Although Chinese Communists have attempted to penetrate LI MI's forces [REDACTED] it is not known whether the MND agent were sent to detect such penetrations or whether this action is an indication of attempts by Nationalist leaders, contending for guerrilla control, to contain or infringe upon LI MI's authority.

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